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## Trustees For Library Study Or Act On 3 Proposals For Improvements

By RUTH WALKER

Trustees of the Greenville County Library yesterday took under advisement or acted on three proposals designed to improve library services.

In a monthly meeting at the main library on N. Main Street, the trustees:

1. Heard details about \$45,000 in federal funds which the library is eligible to receive for use in a three-year demonstration of superior countywide library services. Action was deferred to a special meeting Aug. 2.

2. Decided to apply for nearly \$9,000 in federal funds for the purchase of or rebinding of books for use in the county's non-urban areas (described as places with less than 10,000 people). Librarian Charles E. Stow expressed a preference for using the funds to buy a basic collection at a proposed branch library at Travelers Rest as well as to add to collections at the Simpsonville, Fountain Inn and Greer branches.

3. Agreed to sponsor an applicant for a scholarship for graduate study in library science. If the applicant is successful, he will, at the completion of his training, join the local staff. For two years part of his salary will be paid by the State Library Board.

### HANDLED BY BOARD

The \$45,000 grant, available through the Federal Library Services Act, is administered by the State Library Board and is available for a demonstration library consolidation project.

Miss Estelene P. Walker, director of the state board, met with the local trustees and went over a proposed contract which the county board, if it elects to enter the program, will sign with the state board.

Before making their decision, the trustees plan to discuss the matter with Rep. B. O. (Tommy) Thomas Jr., chairman of the County Legislative Delegation's library committee, and with County Attorney E. P. Riley.

The project is designed to demonstrate the advisability of the consolidation of libraries into a single county unit, Miss Walker explained. The countywide library was recently formed by a merger of the old city and county libraries.

Under the proposed contract the parties would agree "to cooperate in a demonstration of good public library service through the establishment and maintenance of a county library by means of which all sections of Greenville County shall be served with books and reading materials."

The administration of the demonstration program would be supervised by the State Library Board.

One provision of the tentative contract is that the state board would furnish advice and counsel and the assistance of its library personnel toward the establishment of sound library service and would assign a professional member of the board's staff to give advice and help to work closely with the chief librarian and county board throughout the period of the demonstration.

Among other provisions is one that all personnel regularly employed in the county library would meet personnel standards approved by the State Library Board.

### TO AID RURAL AREAS

The Library Services Act, through which the funds are available, is designed "to promote the further extension . . . of public library services to rural areas without such services or with inadequate service."

Miss Walker explained that the proposed contract provides for services far more valuable than the money involved. A similar demonstration in Anderson County was "an unqualified success," she explained.

Without question, she said, the Greenville County Library will be able afterward to continue at the same level achieved during the proposed demonstration.

Miss Walker, in explaining the state board's relation to the county board in the event the contract is entered, explained that the state board is not interested in authority but service. The contract is "a guarantee that you will get that service," she said.

For years, the Greenville library (two units usually spoken of as "the library" has been on a "starvation diet," she explained, adding that the new library needs help that the state board is able to furnish.

The money would be available at the rate of \$20,000 the first year, \$15,000 for the second and \$10,000 for the third.

She would advocate that the first funds be spent for the purchase of bookmobiles.

Miss Walker stressed that a library cannot give good service without adequate personnel. She emphasized the need for adequate salaries in obtaining such personnel.

She also mentioned the desirability of a library having an adequate public relations program. Too many people see a library as the resort of "the unoccupied woman and the small child," she pointed out.

Mr. Stow, the librarian, was authorized to enter an agreement through which the library will be eligible to receive \$8,986 to buy or rebind books for use in non-urban areas. The money, also from the Federal Library Services Act and also disbursed by the State Library Board, is available at the rate of 10 cents per person in the county's non-urban areas.

Mr. Stow reported that a qualified young man has expressed a wish to enter a graduate library school on a State Library Board Scholarship, with the local library sponsoring his application.

If the candidate wins one of the five scholarships offered by the state board, he will work here after his graduation. During his first year, he will be paid not less than \$4,500 and the second year will receive an increase of \$250, if his work merits it. The State Board would pay \$2,000 of his salary the first and \$1,500 the second.

Romayne A. Barnes, chairman of the county trustees, presided over the meeting.



## Library Offers

### \$2,500 Scholarship

The Lancaster County Library Board announces its sponsorship, in cooperation with the State Library Board, of a \$2,500 scholarship for graduate study in library science.

The scholarship, open to men or women with a bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university, will provide funds for a one year course in library science at one of the following schools: University of Chicago, University of Illinois, Rutgers University, University of North Carolina, or Louisiana State University.

A candidate for the scholarship must agree that, upon completion

of his or her library course, he will devote at least two years to work in some South Carolina public library (such as Lancaster) which offers service to rural areas. In exchange, he will be guaranteed a beginning salary of not less than \$4,500.

The scholarship is part of an expanding program to improve library service in the state, especially in rural areas.

Anyone interested in becoming a candidate for this scholarship may inquire for further details at the Lancaster County Library, or may write direct to the South Carolina State Library Board, 1001 Main Street, Columbia, S. C.

#### HONEA PATH CHRONICLE HONEA PATH, S.C.

### Mrs. Alice D. Callahan Gets Study Scholarship For Winthrop College

Mrs. Alice D. Callahan, Librarian of Jennie Erwin Library in Honea Path, has been named the recipient of a scholarship for a two week training institute to be held this summer at Winthrop College.

The county library office in Anderson announced award of two scholarships in the county, the other going to Mrs. Helen Davenport of Lander Memorial Library, Wilmington.

The Jennie Erwin Library will be closed the week of July 31-Aug 5, and the local library board has made arrangements to have the library floor painted at that time.

The library will be open during the first week of Mrs. Callahan's absence. A member of the county library staff will be in charge. Books checked out before the closing dates will not be dated for return during the week the library is closed.

#### THE TIMES MANNING, S.C.

### Civic League Will Air Condition Manning Library Building

"Everyone talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it," observed Mark Twain, but that was before the days of the Manning Civic League. There was little talk but lots of action at the June meeting Tuesday afternoon when the members voted unanimously to have an air-conditioner installed in the library building. Now, serious-minded patrons who spend time in the building doing research or supplementary reading will no longer sweeter, nor will the librarian have to suffer discomfort through the humid summer afternoons.

#### \$2,000 Offered

### Architect Will Plan Library

By RUTH WALKER

A Friend of the Greenville Public Library's offer to provide up to \$2,000 to engage a topflight library architect to advise on local library needs was accepted yesterday by the board of trustees of the Greenville County Library.

The trustees, meeting at the main library on N. Main Street, accepted the offer with thanks and with the understanding that they will be under no obligation to follow the recommendations of the consultant.

The man the "Friends" propose to bring to Greenville to make the study is J. Russell Bailey of Orange, Va. He was consultant for the new Spartanburg County Library and was architect for the Converse College library.

#### THE LEDGER GAFFNEY, S.C.

#### Second Grades On Program

Jean Callison, Robbie Bradley and Jamie Bernanke, second graders, will be the guests on "Know Your Library" Saturday at 12:30 over radio station WFGN. They will discuss the Summer Reading program at the Cherokee County Public Library with Mrs. Alan Willis.



# Summer Reading Club Will Begin Tomorrow

The annual summer reading club sponsored by the Colleton County Memorial Library will begin tomorrow. The club will last for a period of eight weeks ending July 28. Students from the first through Junior High grades are eligible for membership.

The theme of the club this year is "Book Parade". Upon joining, members will be given a bookmark featuring the theme. Each member will have an individual reading record card that has ten drawings of "book people" without faces. As approved books are read each member will paste "book faces" on their cards. Upon reading and reporting on 10 library books, these cards will be complete and may be taken home. This year record cards will take the place of the usual certificate showing that the reading requirements have been filled.

The following are in charge of this summer reading program: Mrs. Marnie Dell Smith; Miss Amelia Fraser and Miss Mart Price, all members of the library staff. The following Girl Scouts who have recently completed a short library course will assist: Linda

Fulmer, Inez Harrison, Millie Still and Candie Conners.

EDISTO NEWS  
DENMARK, S.C.

● A Story Hour for the young children of Denmark will be held at the Denmark Library during the month of July. The Summer Reading Club for children of all ages is now in progress and will continue until late in August. Miss Abigail McKinney and Janice Luksha will conduct the story hour. The hours will be announced at a later date.

NEWS AND HERALD  
WINNSBORO, S.C.

## Summer Reading Club Offered at Library

The Fairfield County Library will offer special reading opportunities this summer to the children of Fairfield County.

The purpose of the Reading Club is to stimulate interest in many fields of knowledge and at the same time stress the reading of good books as part of the summer activities.

Each member is to read one book in each of the following five groups: South Carolina; art, music, poetry; land and sky; waters; wildlife and plant life; and five books of his own choice.

Completion of these ten books and listing them on their reading record card are the only requirements for a certificate.

Enrollment will begin on June 1st and children may join until July 1st.

Miss Alice McDonald, bookmobile librarian; Mrs. Sidney Smith, Ridgeway Librarian; and Mrs. T. A. Quattlebaum, Fairfield County librarian expect many children to join the club.

## The Library Corner

The Bookworm Reading Club of the Calhoun County Public Library continues to add new members with 96 signed to date. Mrs. Clara McCabe, librarian, commented that interest is very keen both in the club and in attendance at the story hour each Monday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

She said there were 12 children who attended the pre-school story hour Monday led by Miss Cathy Wise. For the intermediate group, under the direction of Mrs. Talley Culclasure, there were 19 present, and 23 were present in the history group directed by Mrs. Jeanne W. Ulmer.

Next Monday, the intermediate group will have Mrs. Joe Wannamaker in charge and the other groups will have the same leaders.

Mrs. McCabe said that although attendance at the story hour is good, it is not too large since many are on vacation during the summer months.

THE NEWS  
GEORGETOWN, S.C.

## Reading Club Started At Library

The annual summer reading club of the Georgetown County Memorial Library has begun and additional children are urged to join the reading fun.

Mrs. Mary S. Bonds, librarian, said the program will last for six weeks and that children from the third grade through seventh grade are eligible to join. The only requirement is that each child read six books on his or her level during the club program.

Children completing the requirements will be awarded a reading club certificate at the end of the period. A party will also be staged.

DORCHESTER EAGLE-RECORD  
ST. GEORGE,

### SUMMER READING CLUB

The Dorchester County Library is conducting a summer reading club for children from the first through the eighth grades. The club last year met with such success that we are looking forward to a big enrollment. "Reading for Fun", is the theme. No special books are required. When you register you will be given a folder in which to record your reading, and you are asked to indicate your favorite from among all those read.

At the end of the summer a list will be compiled for the library and bookmobile both, and for the local papers. Certificates will be presented to the faithful readers by their principals at chapel next fall.

Meet your bookmobile and visit your library to register. You will enjoy our new books.



THE NEWS  
MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.

INDEX-JOURNAL  
GREENWOOD, S.C.

## Plan Changes In Horry Library

The Horry County Memorial Library is expanding rapidly. Several new additions are planned for this summer. These include steel stacks to replace the wooden stacks now in use and the addition of a second story of book stacks.

A garage has already been changed into a room to hold the County Department of the Library. These are the books which are distributed throughout the County on the Bookmobile.

The renovation of the garage included raising the floor, painting the whole room, and installing the new steel stacks.

THE NEWS  
MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.

## Hodges Resident To Work As Junior Library Intern

Miss Anne Nickles of Hodges will be junior intern at the Greenwood City and County Public Library this summer. She will start work Monday, according to Miss Elizabeth Porcher, librarian.

An Erskine College graduate in the class of 1941, Miss Nickles is the second junior intern assisting in summer work at the Greenwood Library. Miss May Moore, intern here last year, will be working this summer in Columbia for the State Library Board, which sponsors the statewide intern program.

Like her predecessor, Miss Nickles will work with the two county

librarians, Mrs. Raymond Wilson and Mrs. L. G. Walker, making daily trips on the bookmobile, helping with the children's reading club of the county department, and aiding in other ways with library service to rural areas.

"We are looking forward to having Anne work with us," says Mrs. Wilson. "because she has been a regular bookmobile patron from the time she was a toddler — even before she started to school — and we know she is keenly interested in books and in library services."

Miss Nickles says she expects to go into library work. The junior intern program, now in its third year in South Carolina, is designed to give qualified young people an introduction to the profession through the experience of working in a good public library. It has been explained by Miss Estellene Walker, State Library Board director. The project is financed by funds under the National Library Services Act, the federal fund paying half the salary of each intern and the participating library paying the other half.

Miss Nickles is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen Nickles. She received the B. A. degree at the recent Erskine commencement exercises and had majored

## Three Are Spending Summer In Horry Library

Three college women are spending their summer in Horry County learning what it means to be a public librarian. Cynthia S. Thompson, Zelda R. Tyler and Mrs. Daisy White Bellamy are junior interns assigned to the Horry County Memorial Library.

The Junior Intern program is designed to give girls who are interested in doing public library work a chance to learn by doing. It also gives them a chance to decide from first-hand experience whether or not they want to go into library work as a career.

Miss Thompson has just completed her sophomore year at Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia. Her father is professor of Latin, Greek and fine arts at Hampden-Sydney College.

Miss Tyler, a native of Horry County, is the daughter of Mrs. Mary S. Tyler, Route 3, Loris. She is a graduate of Loris High School and a rising senior at Winthrop College. She is majoring in French.

Miss Thompson and Miss Tyler are working in the Horry Memorial Library in Conway. They take turns going out on the Bookmobile.

Mrs. Bellamy is working in the Chapin Memorial Library in Myrtle Beach. She has just graduated from Limestone College. She is the wife of James A. Bellamy of Myrtle Beach, whom she met while they both attended Spartanburg Junior College.

The girls working as Junior Interns this year will be assigned to another library next year if they decide to continue in the program.

Before they can become public librarians, they must do graduate study at an accredited school of library science.

While they are working this summer, they have full staff duties for three months.

The Junior Intern program is a phase of the South Carolina State Library Board's recruiting program. Several libraries in the state participate in this summer program.



## Aiken Library Has Valuable S. C. Collection

As a project made possible by the Library Services Act, the S. C. State Library Board is now making available to one library in each Congressional District a valuable and interesting collection of South Caroliniana. The Aiken County Public Library is the depository for the Second District which includes the counties of Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Orangeburg, Lexington, Richland and Sumter.

All books in the collection, including some reprints and micro-filmed copies of notable titles now out of print, are designated as reference material and are not to be taken from the library. This is to assure availability at all times to anyone in the specified area.

Of special genealogical and local historical interest is the bound set of the South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine from 1900 to date. There are plans for a cumulative index, but for present use each separate volume already has its own detailed index.

Among the histories are McCrady's HISTORY OF SOUTH CAROLINA covering the period from Proprietary Government through the Revolution, William James Rivers' SKETCH OF THE HISTORY OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO THE CLOSE OF THE PROPRIETARY GOVERNMENT BY THE REVOLUTION OF 1719, Meriwether's EXPANSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1729-1865, and Derrick's CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RAILROAD. Also a part of the collection is a facsimile of Robert Mills' ATLAS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Social history and manners are represented by such titles as Shaffer's CAROLINA GARDENS, Mason Crum's GULLAUG: NEGRO LIFE IN THE CAROLINA SEA ISLANDS, Hirsch's HUGENOTS OF COLONIAL SOUTH CAROLINA and Elliott's CAROLINA SPORTS BY LAND AND WATER. Religious history is also available including separate titles covering the Jewish faith; Catholicism; and the Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches. In biography there are such collected works as Hemphill's MEN OF MARK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

and O'Neill's BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE BENCH AND BAR OF SOUTH CAROLINA as well as individual lives including those of Nathaniel Green written in 1822 by Miller, James Petigru, Thomas Sumter, William Gregg, Eliza Lucas Pinckney and the South Carolina Unionist, Benjamin F. Perry.

All residents of Calhoun County are cordially invited to visit the Aiken Library and explore the entire collection for these and many other titles of individual interest.

THE REPORTER  
CHESTER, S.C.

## "Let's Read For Fun" Theme Of GF Summer Reading Club

"Let's Read for Fun" is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Club at the Great Falls Branch of the Chester County Library, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, local librarian, announced this week.

Children from the first through seventh grades may register through June 28, and all boys and girls must register before they are eligible to become members of the club.

The members will have until August 25 to read and report on as many books as they desire, and in keeping with this year's theme, the books may be on any subject.

At the end of the reading club, the number of books each child has read will be totaled and the one who has read the most books will receive a prize.



Gaffney Ledger  
Gaffney, S.C.

## Miss Gaston To Attend Library Training School

Miss Elizabeth Gaston, of the Cherokee County Public Library staff, will attend a two week training institute at Winthrop College beginning Monday, July 24, and continuing through August 4.

The project is under the sponsorship of the South Carolina State Library Board in cooperation with Winthrop College. Mrs. Venetta M. Selley, Librarian and Professor of Library Science, Columbia College has been appointed instructor and Miss Gladys Smith, Librarian and Head of the Department of Library Science at Winthrop College will act as director.

The institute is planned for personnel without professional education who are employed in public libraries in South Carolina. They will study various phases of library work including book selection.

Gaffney Ledger  
Gaffney, S.C.

## Miss Proctor Is Chosen For Library Internship

As a further step in its program to recruit personnel for public libraries, the South Carolina State Library Board is sponsoring a program for junior in-

ternships in libraries throughout the state.

Miss Barbara Proctor, of Gaffney, was chosen as the intern for the Cherokee County Public Library. She is a rising junior at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky.

The position which runs for three months each summer was developed to give qualified young people an introduction to the profession of librarianship through the experience of actual working in a public library.

The program which was initiated last year proved very successful according to an announcement made by Miss Estellene P. Walker, Director of the State Library Board of South Carolina.

THE AUGUSTA CHRONICLE  
AUGUSTA, GA.

## Tell little known events

## Aiken County history now in bound volumes

Aiken County Bureau

AIKEN.—Two copies of a book, "Personal Papers and Manuscripts," covering little known history of Aiken County, have been compiled and bound for the Aiken County Library by the Aiken County Historical Commission.

The volumes were the work of several months, said John H. Staubes Sr., chairman of the commission.

Although all six members the commission collected manuscripts, Mrs. Virginia Lyon was responsible for compiling and editing the material, he said.

The books include an account of "Adam Johnson and His Gang," who murdered two Germans living in Aiken, and who struck terror throughout the county in 1876. The account was written by Sen. Edward C. Cushman Jr. when he was a student at Aiken High School.

"Old Hamburg — Gone But Not Forgotten" is the title of another paper written many years ago.

And there is an account of the Hamburg riot, written by Hammond W. Burkhalter of North Augusta.

Miss Elizabeth Teague of Aiken has contributed a study on Henry W. Ravenel, famous botanist who lived and worked in Aiken in the 1860's. Another story relates her experiences at Miss "Lid" Ravenel's school in the 1880's.

From a faded manuscript the experiences of two young ladies trying to reach their homes in the South in 1862, after attending school in the North, were transcribed.

Many of the stories came from old clippings, letters, and papers in private collections, Staubes said.



# EXCERPTS FROM SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES OF ALA WASHINGTON OFFICE

JANUARY - JUNE, 1961 -- 87th CONGRESS, 1st SESSION

## PUBLIC LIBRARY LEGISLATION

LSA Appropriation - The Third Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1961 (P.L. 87-14, 87th Congress, H.R. 5188) was signed by President Kennedy on March 31, 1961. This bill included \$1,300,000 for Federal grants under the Library Services Act for Fiscal 1960. The appropriation for Fiscal 1960 now totals \$7,431,000 which will be sufficient to cover all payments requested.

On May 17, the House of Representatives passed the Health, Education, and Welfare appropriation bill (H.R. 7035) for Fiscal 1962, including \$7,500,000 for grants under the Library Services Act.

The following statement was included in House Report 392 on the appropriation bill:

"For the small amount of Federal funds involved this has been not only one of the most popular, but one of the most worthwhile programs of the Federal Government. Since this program was instituted, over 100 rural counties and an equal number of New England towns formerly without any public libraries are now receiving library service. More than 6,000,000 books and other informational materials have been added to the resources of rural communities. This has not been done just with the Federal funds. This program is a fine demonstration of Federal leadership, and the local interest and contributions that can result from such leadership. Since this program started State funds for the development of rural public library service have increased 75% and local appropriations for rural libraries have increased 50%."

Public Library Buildings - Several bills have been introduced which specifically include use of Federal funds for the construction of library buildings, as well as other community facilities, but none seems likely to be acted on in this session.

The Housing Act of 1961, S. 1922, was passed by both House and Senate late in June and a compromise version approved in Conference. This legislation increases the authorization for the present public facility loan program, which specifically includes public library construction. Priority "will be given to projects for which applicants can give assurance of a start of construction." Details are available from regional offices of the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Surplus Property - A number of bills which will make possible the donation of surplus Federal personal property to public libraries have been introduced in this Congress. The most recent is S. 2119 "to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 so as to permit donations of surplus property to schools for the mentally retarded, schools for the physically handicapped, educational television stations, and public libraries." The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Government Operations.



## NEWS OF LIBRARIANS

Dorothy Smith, a member of the staff of the State Library Board since 1957, has resigned effective August 11th. Miss Smith, who has been closely connected with the demonstration county and regional libraries and other projects made possible by the LSA, will join the staff of the Richland County Public Library as Head of Adult Services.

Betty E. Callaham recently joined the staff of the South Carolina State Library Board as a professional assistant. Miss Callaham is a graduate of the Emory University Division of Librarianship. While at Emory she held the Tommie Dora Barker Fellowship which was established by Emory alumni in honor of the former director of the library school. Miss Callaham, a native of Honea Path, attended Duke University for her undergraduate work and holds a Master of Arts in history from Emory University. Prior to entering library school, she taught history and government at Hanna High School (Anderson, S. C.) where she was chairman of the Department of Social Studies.

Nettie Harvey, an assistant at the Oconee County Library, was married on July 19th to Louis T. Keys. Mrs. Keys will remain on the library staff.

### WANTED: 1940, 1941 ISSUES OF CURRENT BIOGRAPHY

The Charleston County Library is anxious to complete its files of Current Biography. The 1940 June, July, September and December issues and the 1941 March, August and October issues are needed. If you have copies you can spare, will you please write: Emily Sanders, Librarian, Charleston County Library, 404 King Street, Charleston?

### STATE LIBRARY BOARD INSTITUTE AT WINTHROP

The two-weeks institute, which will provide basic principles of cataloging, classifying and book selection, offered by the State Library Board to 20 S. C. public library assistants with no formal library training, got under way at 8:30 on July 24th at Winthrop College.

Mrs. Von Etta Salley, Librarian and Professor of Librarian Science at Columbia College, is the Instructor, and Miss Gladys Smith, Librarian and Head of the Library Science Department at Winthrop, is the Director.

Mrs. Vernon Brunson, Librarian, Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library, reported on the first three days of the institute:

"I do appreciate the privilege of attending this workshop. It is worthwhile.



"We gave 'Mr. Dewey' a fit today. Expect to work on him again tomorrow.

"Everyone seems interested and congenial. We are devoted to Mrs. Salley."

**STATE LIBRARY BOARD INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICE**  
(1960-61 Report by R. Bryan Roberts, Reference Consultant)

An analysis of the interlibrary loan records of the South Carolina State Library Board for the year 1960-61 reveals some interesting facts about our loan service. From June 1, 1960 to July 31, 1961 we received 4,636 requests for loans from libraries in the state. Thirty libraries were responsible for 4,196 of these requests. The other twenty-five libraries, each of which made fewer than five requests per month, cannot be considered regular users of the interlibrary loan service and are thus not included in the report below. Of the 4,196 requests from our regular users we were able to fill 3,525, or approximately 84%. A number of factors help to explain the 671 requests, or 15.9%, that were not filled. Some requests were for rare or esoteric items. Many were for recent fiction titles that the Library Board does not attempt to supply. Other requests were so vaguely or inadequately stated as to make it impossible to identify the works desired. Incorrect use of selection tools was frequently detected.

Requests from the individual libraries merit examination. Figures for the thirty libraries classified as regular users are given below, ranked in the order of relative success in getting the items requested.

| Library        | Total No. Requests | No. Requests Filled | No. Requests Not Filled | Percentage of Successful Retrieval |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Lee            | 67                 | 64                  | 3                       | 95.5                               |
| Manning        | 87                 | 82                  | 5                       | 94.3                               |
| York           | 105                | 99                  | 6                       | 94.3                               |
| Marlboro       | 85                 | 80                  | 5                       | 94.1                               |
| Fairfield      | 352                | 320                 | 32                      | 90.9                               |
| Pickens        | 83                 | 75                  | 8                       | 90.4                               |
| Calhoun        | 288                | 260                 | 28                      | 90.3                               |
| Kingstree      | 169                | 150                 | 19                      | 89.9                               |
| Dillon         | 126                | 112                 | 14                      | 88.8                               |
| Cherokee       | 89                 | 78                  | 11                      | 87.6                               |
| Dorchester     | 96                 | 84                  | 12                      | 87.5                               |
| Rock Hill      | 62                 | 54                  | 8                       | 87.1                               |
| Oconee         | 217                | 187                 | 30                      | 86.2                               |
| Lexington      | 136                | 117                 | 19                      | 86.0                               |
| Aiken-Barnwell |                    |                     |                         |                                    |
| Edgefield      | 417                | 353                 | 64                      | 84.7                               |
| Towne, L. M.   | 91                 | 75                  | 16                      | 84.2                               |
| Greenwood      | 175                | 146                 | 29                      | 83.5                               |
| Lancaster      | 142                | 120                 | 22                      | 83.3                               |



| Library             | Total No. Requests | No. Requests Filled | No. Requests Not Filled | Percentage of Successful Retrieval |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Allendale-Hampton - |                    |                     |                         |                                    |
| Jasper              | 74                 | 60                  | 14                      | 81.1                               |
| Colleton            | 181                | 145                 | 36                      | 80.1                               |
| Orangeburg          | 81                 | 70                  | 11                      | 79.9                               |
| Georgetown          | 83                 | 66                  | 17                      | 79.5                               |
| Beaufort            | 87                 | 68                  | 19                      | 78.2                               |
| Spartanburg         | 139                | 109                 | 30                      | 77.6                               |
| Chester             | 79                 | 61                  | 18                      | 77.2                               |
| Carnegie -          |                    |                     |                         |                                    |
| Sumter              | 144                | 111                 | 33                      | 77.1                               |
| Horry               | 228                | 169                 | 59                      | 74.1                               |
| Anderson            | 139                | 103                 | 36                      | 73.5                               |
| Greenville          |                    |                     |                         |                                    |
| Public              | 92                 | 57                  | 35                      | 61.8                               |
| Chapin              |                    |                     |                         |                                    |
| Memorial            | 82                 | 50                  | 32                      | 60.9                               |
| Totals for          |                    |                     |                         |                                    |
| 30 Libraries        | 4,196              | 3,525               | 671                     | 84.0                               |

In the future it would be desirable for the librarians to indicate the subject on which material is desired rather than arbitrarily selecting a title about which little or nothing is known. The judicious use of such tools as the Standard Catalog, Booklist, Library Journal, and BRD, rather than BIP, the Subject Guide, or CBI, would improve the chances of supplying materials that meet the patrons' needs adequately. The Reference Consultant hopes to be able to work more closely with the librarians in the future in order to rectify this situation. Special attention will be devoted to the libraries having low percentages of retrieval. It is also hoped that libraries now making little use of our facilities can be encouraged to refer requests for material or information not available locally to the State Library Board.

# YOUR PROBLEMS by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I don't know what this world is coming to! Last week I cleaned out my attic and found many good books, including some complete sets, which I read and enjoyed as a girl. I took them to our local library and the librarian didn't seem a bit excited over my donation. What's wrong with her? The library is always crying for more money to buy books. Why shouldn't its staff be pleased



to get a hundred free?

Bewildered

Dear Bewildered:

I am sure that your intentions are the best, but in your case the intent will have to be accepted for the deed.

Books, like clothes, get out of date and suffer from storage. Time takes a heavy toll of the content of some books - only a few prove ageless - and time aggravated by dryness or dampness, insects and mice (No slur on your house-keeping intended!) has reduced many a once handsome volume to a poor grade of waste paper.

All books added to your library, whether by gift or by purchase, must meet certain rather high standards of worth and physical condition. No good librarian will squander staff time and supplies processing books of doubtful value or state. More important, no thinking librarian will offer children books of less than top quality.

Do not be offended by the lukewarm reception of your gift. Instead be glad that the public servants your tax dollars are supporting are conscientious in trying to supply to today's children books that will provide the same magical experience your attic refugees once gave you.

Anne

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